SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification paragraph found on page 13, lines 3-14 (as numbered) as follows:

Some interface is usually required between a VM and the underlying host operating system HOS 220 and hardware, which are responsible for actually executing VM-issued instructions and transferring data to and from the actual memory and storage devices 230, 240. This interface is often referred to as a virtual machine monitor (VMM). A VMM is usually a thin piece of software that runs directly on top of a host, or directly on the hardware, and virtualizes all, or at least some of, the resources of the machine. The interface exported to the respective VM is the same as the hardware interface of the machine, or at least of some machine, so that the guest OS cannot determine the presence of the VMM. The VMM also usually tracks and either forwards (to the HOS) or itself schedules and handles all requests by its VM for machine resources as well as various faults and interrupts. The general features of ~~VMM's~~ VMMs are known in the art and are therefore not discussed in detail here.